

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title as follows:

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND PROCESS CARTRIDGE ~~AND DEVELOPING~~
~~UNIT FOR THE IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS~~ WITH DEVELOPER STORAGE
PORTION

Please replace paragraph [0073] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0073] In the embodiment modes, the one-component developing system is employed. The present invention is not limited to this one-component developing system, but may be applied to a two-component developing system. Also, in the embodiment mode, the developed image is directly transferred from the image carrier to the recording medium. However, the present invention is not limited to this transfer operation, but may be applied to another embodiment in which an ~~intermediate transfer member~~ image carrying body may be interposed between the image carrier and the recording medium. Furthermore, in the embodiment modes, the black/white image forming apparatus has been described. Apparently, the present invention may be applied to a color image forming apparatus. In this case, for instance, assuming now that four developing apparatus are employed, if a developer storage space of at least one developing apparatus is arranged under the ejection unit, then the dead space problem may be sufficiently solved.

Please replace paragraph [0105] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0105] In an image forming apparatus of the type in which the sheet path is substantially vertically directed, and an ~~intermediate transfer member~~ image carrying body is used, an image forming apparatus has a latent image forming unit 2, a developing unit 3, and an ~~intermediate transfer member~~ image carrying body (not shown). The latent image forming unit 2 forms a latent image on an image carrying body 1. The developing unit 3 visualizes the latent image formed on the image carrying body 1 by using a developer. The ~~intermediate~~

~~transfer member~~ image carrying body temporarily holds the visual image formed on the image carrying body 1, and transfers the visual image onto a recording sheet S. The recording sheet S is transported from a lower part to an upper part.

Please replace paragraph [0107] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0107] The ~~intermediate transfer member~~ image carrying body used is required for enabling the transferring of the visual image to the recording sheet S moving in the substantially vertical direction.